

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Harold Crowder

Professor Emeritus Harold Crowder passed away last week in Bloomington, Indiana at the age of 87. He was born in Oklahoma and was proud of the fact that he was part American Indian (well before it was politically correct to acknowledge that designation) and is survived by his wife Coline and two daughters.

He joined the Purdue University faculty in 1950 at the downtown campus and was the original Biology Department of Purdue University, Fort Wayne campus. He was trained as an entomologist and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. He taught numerous courses in our introductory curriculum and was remembered as a dedicated and meticulous teacher. He was very unassuming and polite, and retired in 1972. He helped forge the union of the Indiana and Purdue Universities' biology programs in 1964 when he was joined by Indiana University Fort Wayne biologists during the transition to the joint IPFW campus off Coliseum Boulevard. He was very active in the Indiana Academy of Science even after his retirement and attended a number of reunions here in Fort Wayne.

The IPFW biology faculty remember and appreciate all the ground-breaking work he did to develop our programs from the ground up and his stewardship of the Purdue life science programs from the inception of this campus. We can see the results of his efforts in the IPFW biology programs that we now have at Fort Wayne and can point to Dr. Crowder as a founding father of the Purdue side of the Biology Department in Fort Wayne.